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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SENATOR JAVITS TO BELGRADE, DEC. 8-11

1. SUMMARY: GOY AWARE OF SENATOR JAVITS IMPORTANT ROLE IN U.S. AND ARRANGED MEETINGS WITH SFRY PRESIDENCY MEMBER CVIJETIN MIJATOVIC, ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT KIRO GLIGOROV, FOREIGN SECRETARY MILOS MINIC, FEC'S JANKO SMOLE AND TRPE JAKOVLEVSKI, AND MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN POLICY WHO PRESIDENT MIHAJLO JAVORSKI WAS JAVITS' HOST FOR VISIT. BROAD RANGE OF MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND NECESSITY FOR GREATER YUGOSLAV-U.S. UNDERSTANDING. JAVITS INVITED YUGOSLAV PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO VISIT UNITED STATES. END SUMMARY.

2. AS SENATOR JAVITS DEPARTED BELGRADE BEFORE THIS CABLE DRAFTED, IT SHOULD BE PASSED TO HIS OFFICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE 251471. JAVITS' ONLY REQUEST FOR A WRITTEN RECORD WAS OF MEETINGS WITH JAKOVLEVSKI AND SMOLE AND OF FIVE POINTS IN NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC PROGRAM HE MENTIONED TO MINIC. THESE PROVIDED BEFORE DEPARTURE (COPIES OF THESE MEMCONS POUCHED EUR/EE). FOLLOWING ARE MAJOR POINTS OF OTHER MEETINGS AND PRESS CONFERENCE.

3. WITH MIJATOVIC, SENATOR STRESSED THAT OUR RELATIONS COULD BE EVEN MORE IMPORTANT IN FUTURE THAN IN PAST IN VIEW POST-TITO PROBLEMS, THAT FUNDAMENTAL DECISIONS COULD BE REQUIRED OF AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THAT THEREFORE IT NOT
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DESIRABLE FOR YUGOSLAVIA TO BE CONSIDERED ANTI-AMERICAN IN

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U.S. HE NOTED THAT WHILE THERE MUCH WE DISAGREE WITH
YUGOSLAVIA ABOUT, WE SUPPORT ITS UNITY AND INDEPENDENCE.
THUS ABHOR MANIFESTATIONS OF SEPARATIST CROATION TERRORISM
LIKE TWA HIJACKING AND BOMBINGS. AT SAME TIME JAVITS
POINTED TO CARLOS' PRESENCE IN BELGRADE AS EXAMPLE OF
AN ATTITUDE BY MANY SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TOWARD INTERNATIONAL
TERRORISM WITH WHCH WE NOT PLEASED. MIJATOVIC RESPONDED
WITH ASSERTION THAT YUGOSLAVIA NOT ANTI-AMERICAN, THAT
EASTERN PRESS FREQUENTLY FOUND YUGOSLAVIA ANTI-SOVIET
AND THAT YUGOSLAVIA DISTORTED IN WESTERN PRESS. HE
CRITICIZED AMERICAN PRESS TREATMENT OF TWA HIJACKERS,
FACT ARTUKOVIC LIVING IN U.S. AND CONSIDERATION OF
STATUE TO MIHAILOVIC. ON CARLOS, MIJATOVIC USED NOW
STANDARD DODGE THAT HIS PRESENCE WAS "NEVER CONFIRMED"
AND BY ASKING "WHY NO ONE DID ANYTHING ABOUT HIS BEING
ON PLANE DURING GENEVA STOP-OVER" VIRTUALLY ADMITTED
CARLOS HAD BEEN HERE.

4. TO QUESTION ON YUGOSLAV ATTITUDE TOWARD DETENTE,
MIJATOVIC SAID IT MUST NOT BE DONE AT EXPENSE OF OTHER
COUNTRIES AND SPECIFICIALLY CONDEMNED "SONNENFELDT
DOCTRINE". HE CLAIMED THAT IN CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS SOME SOVIET
GENERALS HAD WELCOMED SUCH A DOCTRINE. JAVITS ASSERTED
THAT AS EUROPEANS HAD INTERPRETED SONNENFELDT DOCTRINE
IT HAS NEVER BEEN POLICY OF USG AND THAT WE ADHERE TO
OUR FERVENT DESIRE FOR ALL COUNTRIES OF WARSAW PACT TO BE
JUST AS FREE AS YUGOSLAVIA. MIJATOVIC NOTED HE HAD JUST DIS-
CUSSED U.S.-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS WITH PRIMIN BIJEDIC AND THEY
AGREED ABOUT GOOD LEVEL OF PRESENT COOPERATION AND FUTURE
POTENTIAL IN ECONOMIC, INFORMATION AND OTHER SPHERES. HE NOTED
THEIR "HUNGER" FOR U.S. CAPITAL, THAT THERE IS A "CLEAR AND POSITIVE
FUTURE FOR U.S. INVESTMENT IN YUGOSLAVIA". MIJATOVIC
CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT, WHILE THERE HAD BEEN SOME PRESSURES
IN PAST, THEY WERE PLEASED AT EVIDENCE THAT CHANGE OF
PARTIES IN U.S. WOULD NOT MEAN CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY
TOWARD YUGOSLAVIA.

5. NEARLY ENTIRE MEETING WITH MINIC CONCERNED DC-LDC
ECONOMIC RELATIONS. MINIC CLAIMED POSTPONEMENT OF PARIS
CIEC MEETING LEAVING "VERY BAD FEELING", THAT TIME RIPE
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FOR DECISIONS BUT THAT DC'S HAVE NOT SHOWN SUFFICIENT
POLITICAL WILL TO SOLVE PROBLEMS, THAT THEY TOO MUCH
CONCERNED WITH THEIR OWN PROBLEMS. HE SINGLED OUT JAPAN,
FRG AND U.S. AS MOST UNYIELDING AND YTRESSED THAT U.S.
ATTITUDE KEY TO THAT OF ALL OTHERS. MINIC CITED TWO
SHORT AND TWO LONG-TERM AREAS OF PRIMARY CONCERN:
RAW MATERIAL PRICES AND DEBT, ACCESS TO DC TRADE AND
CAPITAL MARKETS. HE SAID IF NO MOVEMENT SOON THERE WOULD

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BE CONFRONTATION. SENATOR JAVITS STATED U.S. ATTITUDE
TOWARD THIRD WORLD WOULD BE MATTER OF SERIOUS ATTENTION
IN NEW ADMINISTRATION, THAT HE BELIEVED U.S. READY TO
MAKE DECISIONS BUT THAT THESE INVOLVE IMPORTANT MATTERS
OF IDEOLOGY AND PRACTICE WHICH COULD NOT BE SOLVED
EITHER OVERNIGHT OR IN ONE FORUM. HE STRESSED UNKSCEPT-
ABILITY OF THEORY THAT U.S. GUILTY FOR UNDERDEVELOPMENT
AND NOW MUST PAY REPARATIONS. JAVITS PROPOSED FIVE
POINT APPROACH COVERING DEBT, OPEC, OPEC, COMMODITY PRICES,
DIVERSIFICATION AND JUSTICE (POUCHED). IN VERY BRIEF
DISCUSSION ON MIDDLE EAST MINIC STATED IT YUGOSLAV VIEW
THAT POSITIVE CONDITIONS BEING CREATED FOR THERE FOR EARLY
FORWARD MOVEMENT AND THAT NECESSARY TO ACT BOTH ON ARABS AND
ISRAELIS. JAVITS AGREED THAT TIME HAS COME TO BEGIN NEGOTIATION
BUT CAUTIONED THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO ILLUSIONS THEY WILL

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BE SHORT. HE STRESSED DESIRABILITY OF INCLUDING
ECONOMIC COMPONENT IN DISCUSSIONS AS THERE GREAT
POTENTIAL FOR ISRAELI-ARAB ECONOMIC COOPERATION. HE
CAUTIONED ALSO THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO ILLUSIONS THE
U.S. WOULD ABANDON ISRAEL (EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TELLS US
THAT ON BASIS THIS VERY BRIEF EXCHANGE YUGOSLAVS ARE
CLAIMING THEY REALLY TOOK TOUGH POSITION WITH JAVITS ON
MIDDLE EAST).

6. GLIGOROV BRIEFED JAVITS ON PHILOSOPHY OF SELF-MANAGEMENT,
STRESSING SUPPOSEDLY UNIVERSAL PROBLEM IN INDUSTRALIZED
COUNTRIES OF MOTIVATING WORKERS. HE SAID FOUR KEY
PRINCIPLES FOR YUGOSLAVS WERE THAT (1) A WORKER'S
OWN INCOME MUST DEPEND ON HIS WORK; (2) A WORKER'S OWN
INCOME ALSO MUST DEPEND ON INCOME OF WHOLE FIRM;
(3) THE FIRM MUST BE AN INDEPENDENT SUBJECT; AND (4) THERE
MUST BE COMPETITION IN BOTH HOME AND FOREIGN MARKETS.

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JAVITS NOTED THAT IN U.S. GENERALLY NO LONGER EXISTED MARXIAN SINGLE-OWNER, THE GE HAD MORE STOCKHOLDERS 400,000 THAN EMPLOYEES 300,000 AND THAT HE, HUMPHREY, MONDALE AND OTHERS THINKING OF TWO-FOLD APPROACH: (1) LABOR-MANAGEMENT COUNCILS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF WW II TO DEAL WITH ABSENTEEISM, SAFETY, EFFICIENCY, AND (2) DISTRIBUTING TO WORKERS PART OF OWNERSHIP BY INCREASING PROFIT SHARING AND STOCK DISTRIBUTION PLANS WHICH ALREADY COVER 10 PERCENT OF AMERICA'S 90 MILLION WORKERS.

7. NOTING GREAT CONCERN IN U.S. WITH TITO'S ULTIMATE DEPARTURE FROM SCENE, JAVITS STRESSED TO GLIGOROV U.S. INTEREST IN STRENGTHENING YUGOSLAV FEDERALISM AND SUCH INSTITUTIONS AS FEDERAL ASSEMBLY. JAVITS SAID IT ESSENTIAL FOR WHOLE WORLD INCLUDING SOVIET UNION TO KNOW HOW MUCH
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WE VALUE YUGOSLAVIA'S INDEPENDENCE AND THE SERIOUSNESS OF OUR APPROACH. HE SAID CARTER'S STATEMENT THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD U.S. SEND TROOPS SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD IN SAME SENSE AS WITH ISRAEL-- "YOU NEIGHER WANT NOR NEED THEM." HE STRESSED VALUE OF PARLIAMENTARY INTER-CHANGE AND EXPRESSED HOPE ASSEMBLY WOULD CONSIDER SENDING DELEGATION TO U.S. IMPORTANTLY ENOUGH LED TO MAKE AN IMPACT. GLIGOROV RESPONDED BY EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE IN YUGOSLAVIA'S FUTURE POST-TITO, WELCOMED PROPOSAL FOR ASSEMBLY DELEGATION AND NOTED THAT AFTER CODEL ALBERT VISIT HERE IT NOW U.S. TURN TO ISSUE INVITATION. (WE HAVE SINCE HEARD GLIGOROV CALLED A MEETING FOR DECEMBER 13 TO ORGANIZE YUGOSLAV DELETATION.) JAVITS PROMISED THAT UPON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON HE WOULD ARRANGE FOR A FORMAL, JOINT INVITATION FROM THE SENATE AND HOUSE. DEPARTMENT SHOULD FOLLOW THROUGH WITH LAKELAND AS YUGOSLAVS NOW EXPECT EARLY INVITATION.

8. IN NEWS CONFERENCE DECEMBER 10 SENATOR JAVITS RESTATED MANY OF POINTS HE HAD MADE IN HIS MEETINGS. ONE NEW POINT (PICKED UP BY UPI) WAS THAT AFTER REPEATING VIEW CARTER STATEMENT ABOUT NOT SENDING TROOPS ENTIRELY UNDERSTANDABLE BACAUSE YUGOSLAVIA FELT VERY WELL ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF ITSELF AND DID NOT WANT U.S. TROOPS, SENATOR JAVITS WENT ON TO SAY "I FELT THE SENTIMENT IN U.S. IF REEMAINED AS IT IS WOULD CALL FOR AND GET GREAT SUPPORT FROM U.S. INCLUDING ARMS IN THE EVENT OF NECESSITY TO PRESERVE NATIONAL INTEGRITY OF YUGOSLAVIA." ONLY FOLLOW-UP QUESTION CONCERNED WHETHER HE WOULD SEND TROOPS WHICH JAVITS AVAIDED ANSWERING BY SAYING THIS WAS PRESIDENT'S CONCERN IN FIRST INSTANCE BUT CITED FACT HE AUTHORED WAR POWERS ACT IN NOTING ULTIMATE CONGRESSIONAL ROLE.

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